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In re application of:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003 (Paper No. 14), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** - the specification is not being amended in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** - the drawings are not being amended in this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.